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SOLVENT EXTRACTION PROCESS FOR SEPARATING COBALT

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination. Applicants request entry and consideration of the Amendment and Response filed August 24, 2009.

The fee of \$810.00 to cover the required fee for a large entity will be paid on line via an authorized credit card.

Respectfully submitted,

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